

## **Supporting information**

# **Block copolymer-coated ATR-FTIR spectroscopic sensors for monitoring hydrocarbons in aquatic environments at high temperature and pressure**

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### *Polymer film surface characterization*

To investigate the thermal stability of Kraton G-1650, a film was made on a glass slide was subjected to different temperatures and images collected using an optical microscope (Figure S1). 10 $\mu$ l of a solution of Kraton G-1650 in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10mg/mL) was dropped onto a glass slide and allowed to dry for 2 hours. This polymer film was then photographed using a Nikon eclipse LV100N POL optical microscope at 25x magnification. The same glass slide was then placed into pure water for 24 hours at 22°C, removed and allowed to dry and photographed again in the same area. This was repeated at different temperatures.

### *FTIR of polymer films at different temperatures*

FTIR spectra of polymer films in the absence of aqueous solutions between 22-80°C and ambient pressure were recorded using the Bruker Alpha with diamond ATR (Figures S2 and S3). The diamond ATR is equipped with a heater and thermocouple controller that may be adjusted using the software OPUS. A new background was acquired at each temperature and a polymer film was then drop cast onto the diamond (10 $\mu$ l of a 50mg polymer in 5ml CHCl<sub>3</sub> solution). The film was allowed half an hour to stabilize at the required temperature and the spectrum then recorded.

*Table S1 Parameters of linear regression for the toluene calibrations of the various polymer films studied.*

<b>Toluene</b>	Styrene/Isoprene	Styrene/butadiene	Kraton G-1650	PIB
Intercept	-0.0043 $\pm$ 0.004	-0.0007 $\pm$ 0.003	-0.00012 $\pm$ 0.007	-0.0016 $\pm$ 0.006
Slope	0.0039 $\pm$ 0.0002	0.0027 $\pm$ 0.0002	0.0069 $\pm$ 0.0004	0.0039 $\pm$ 0.0003
R <sup>2</sup>	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99

Table S2 Parameters of linear regression for the toluene and naphthalene calibrations of Kraton G-1650 at 137 bar, 22-80°C.

<b>Toluene</b>	22°C	40°C	60°C	80°C	22°C repeat
Intercept	0.0077 ± 0.016	0.0068 ± 0.013	0.0031 ± 0.010	0.0127 ± 0.004	0.0046 ± 0.007
Slope	0.0148 ± 0.0006	0.0122 ± 0.0005	0.009 ± 0.0004	0.0016 ± 0.0001	0.0047 ± 0.0002
R <sup>2</sup>	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99	0.99
<b>Naphthalene</b>					
Intercept	-	0.0146 ± 0.025	0.0063 ± 0.014	0.0153 ± 0.005	-
Slope	-	0.0749 ± 0.0054	0.0411 ± 0.0029	0.0096 ± 0.0008	-
R <sup>2</sup>	-	0.99	0.99	0.99	-

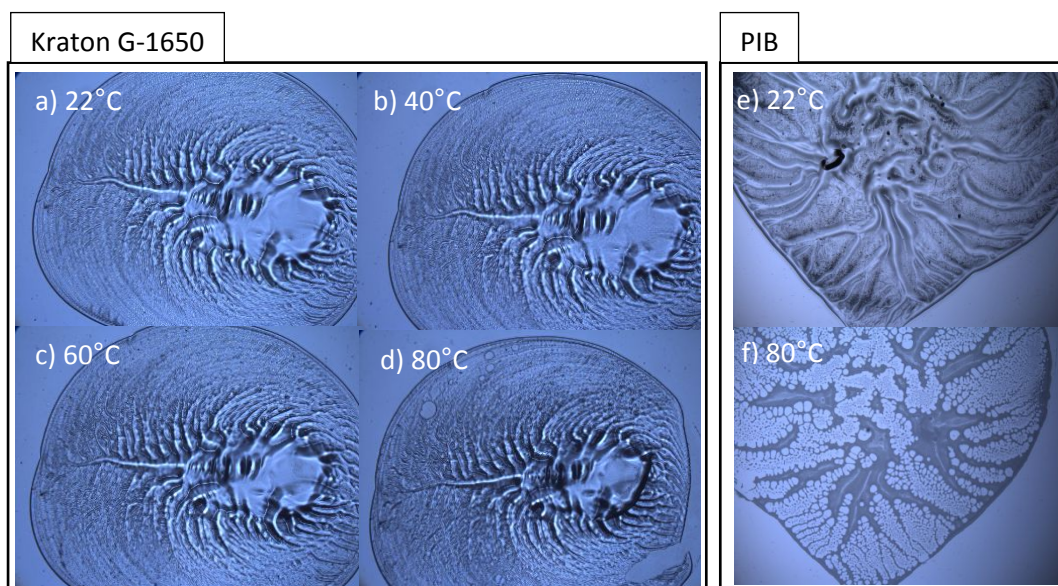
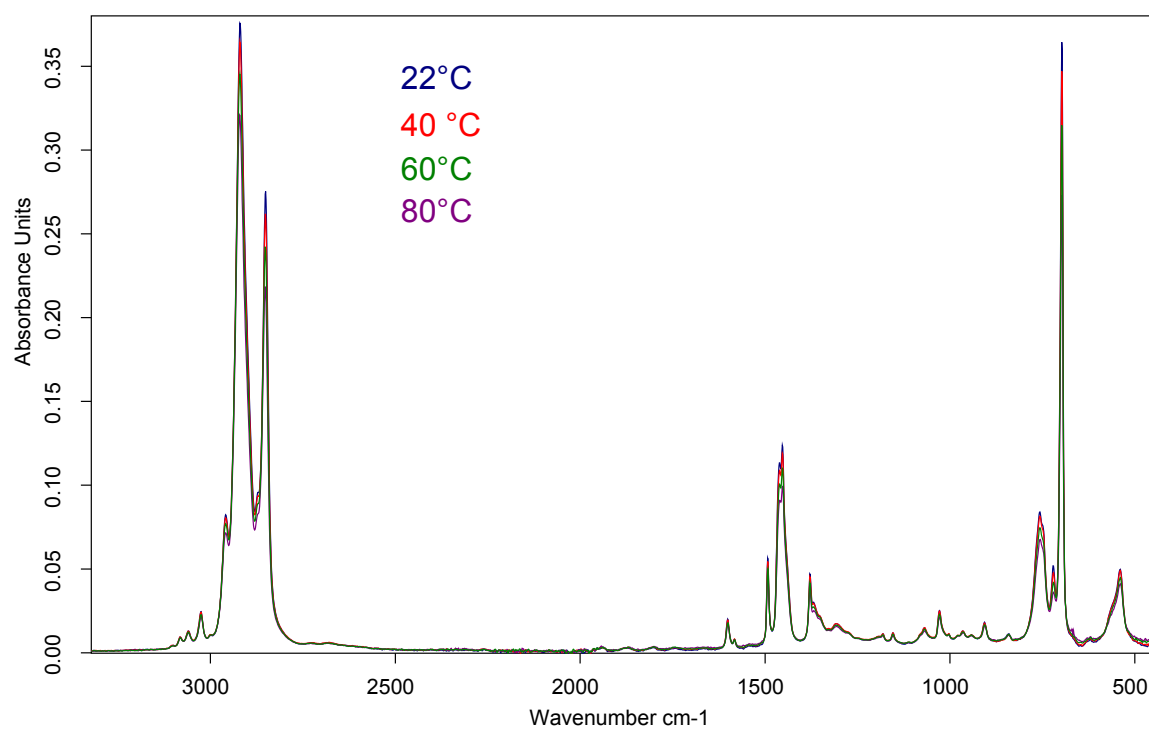


Figure S1 Optical images of a Kraton G-1650 drop cast film after exposing it to water for 24 hours at: a) 22°C b) 40°C c) 60°C d) 80°C at 1 bar (left) and optical images of a PIB drop cast film after exposing it to water for 24 hours at: e) 22°C f) 80°C at 1 bar (Anal. Chem. 2017, 89, 13391–13397).



*Figure S2 FTIR spectra of Kraton G-1650 recorded at 22, 40, 60 and 80°C at ambient pressure in the absence of aqueous solutions.*

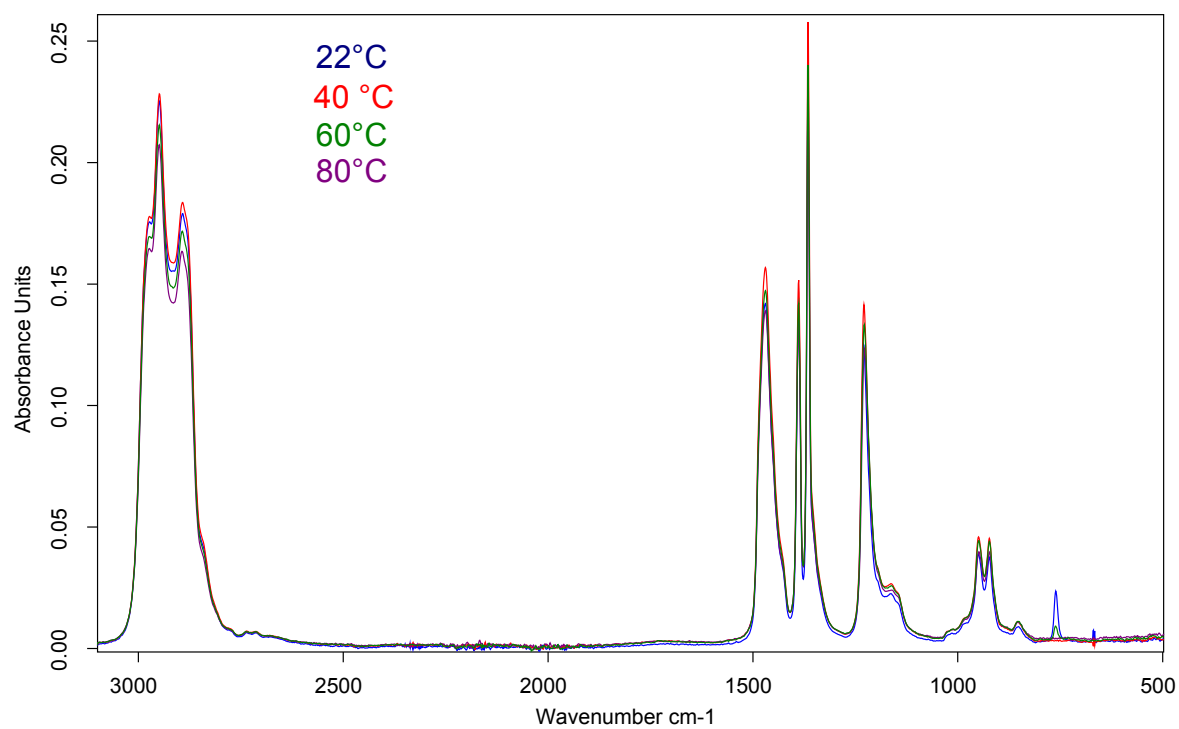


Figure S3 FTIR spectra of pure polyisobutylene recorded at 22, 40, 60 and 80 °C at ambient pressure in the absence of aqueous solutions. Peak at 761 cm<sup>-1</sup> is due to residual CHCl<sub>3</sub>.